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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1911.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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ANNUAL REUNION OF "WETHERILL BLUES"

Survivors of Company I, 129th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Met at Bridge Hotel on Saturday.

There was a notable gathering at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, Collegeville, on Saturday, when occurred the third annual reunion of Company I of the 129th Pennsylvania Volunteers, known as the "Wetherill Blues"—a company that did noble duty for the Union during our great civil conflict. Few companies can show so remarkable a record as this one, with respect to the number still surviving. Thirty-two, possibly even thirty-three, of the ninety-two privates and three commissioned officers who composed the company when it was first mustered in on the fifteenth of August, 1862, are living to-day, having survived the hardships and dangers of the war and the vicissitudes of the nearly 50 years since the struggle ended.

Of those thirty-two or thirty-three survivors (one or two of the veterans have not been accounted for one way or the other), sixteen gathered at the Bridge Hotel to indulge in the reminiscence old soldiers so dearly love, and to continue the comradeship that so closely binds together these venerable personages. Fifteen answered the roll call and one more arrived when the afternoon meeting was in progress. Many of these men are vigorous and still lead lives of activity.

A short business meeting was held in the forenoon, at which the old officers were re-elected—Captain Bean, as president; Lieut. H. H. Fetterolf, as secretary; and E. B. Conard, as treasurer. And then the mess call was answered. Proprietor Fetz provided an excellent dinner and the veterans did full justice to it. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, after all had taken advantage of the opportunity to re-tell those yarns that never grow weary, the formal speeches were heard. Captain Bean, the only one now living of the three original officers of the company, made the opening address. He told about the organizing of the company and paid a tribute to the splendid, healthy set of men of which it was composed. Lieut. H. H. Fetterolf, of Collegeville, who has been instrumental in arranging for the three gatherings, next spoke. Christopher Heebner, of Norristown, an invited guest, who had presented the survivors with a large cake inscribed in loving words, "Company I, 129th Pennsylvania Volunteers," and a large bouquet of red, white and blue flowers and thirteen sprigs of blue larkspur, representing the original colonies, for the centre of the dinner table, was called upon. Mr. Heebner made a most interesting speech, telling of the strained conditions at home during the war due to the division of public sentiment. Horace M. Hunsicker, of Philadelphia, who is spending the summer in Collegeville, was also called upon. A. D. Fetterolf, president of the Collegeville National Bank, made a pleasing address. E. B. Conard and Henry Kooker, Jr., also spoke.

The survivors present were: Captain B. F. Bean, Pawling; Lieut. H. H. Fetterolf, of Collegeville; J. R. Weikel, Spring City; H. B. Rabin, Philadelphia; E. J. Conard, Port Kennedy; John W. Worrell, Newark, Del.; Levi Godshall, Norristown; Wm. Heebner, Eagleville; Robert Tyson, Belfry; Henry Kooker, Skippack; Dillman Bean, Fairview; Jacob Reiff, Phoenixville; George W. Colchert, Seaville, N. J.; Andrew Hiser, Trooper; William Faust, Philadelphia.

Three members of the company died during the war: Benjamin F. Dettra, of Reading; Samuel Faust, of Harrisburg; and Wm. G. Harley, of Norristown. Three are living in the West: John Sterner, of West Buffalo, Michigan, a brother of Jacob Sterner, of Collegeville; H. H. Fretz, of Springfield, Mo.; Wm. Alderfer, of Rockford, Illinois.

The next reunion will be held about June 15, 1912.

Inspectors Destroyed Milk Above Sixty Degrees.

No local milk shippers were among those who lost when 15 cans of milk, containing 600 quarts, were confiscated at the Third and Berks street station of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, last Thursday morning. The milk inspectors found that these cans contained milk that was above 60 degrees in temperature, in which case they have the authority to destroy the fluid. The cans were afterward flushed. The producers of the milk were the losers. Three of the cans arrived on the Pottstown local train, three from a Bethlehem train and two on a train from Bound Brook.

Dedicate Pew in Memorial Chapel.

The John Morton pew was dedicated Sunday afternoon in the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge. There was a large attendance and the service was very impressive. The pew, given by Delaware County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is the first pew in the chapel in memory of a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Milk Station Nearing Completion.

The milk shipping station at Yerkess being erected for the Williams Jones Company, of Philadelphia, will soon be completed and ready to receive milk. The reinforced concrete work has been finished and the boilers and other apparatus are being installed. One of the work has been progressing slowly.

NEWS FROM COUNTY AND STATE.

Happenings From Near and Far Told in Brief Paragraphs.

Governor Tener signed the bill carrying \$275,000 appropriation for the appointment of a commission to examine and find a cure for the chestnut tree blight, which has been destroying chestnut trees in great numbers.

Gorton Land, an employee of the Hill School at Pottstown, was killed by falling down an elevator shaft in the new building of the school Saturday night.

Thousands of Millin, Juniata and Perry county residents have signed a petition asking that the first highway under the Sprungs good roads bill be built through that region.

Mark Julius, a five-year-old Norristown boy, was struck on the head by a piece of iron as it fell from a roof during a wind storm, Friday. His skull was fractured, though the physicians hope to save his life.

N. G. Christman, 68 years old, of Berks county, fell from a cherry tree and was found dead.

Benjamin Redington, a resident of West Conshohocken employed with the Philadelphia and Western railway at Gulf Mills, had his hand crushed in a concrete mixer, while oiling the machine. The hand was amputated.

Attorney Theodore Lane Bean has purchased one of the Betz farms of 125 acres, in Norristown township.

Twenty-five thousand dollars will be spent in remodeling Reading's Academy of Music, the finest theatre in that city.

The Firemen's Union of Norristown in the future will give \$1 a day to injured members instead of \$5 a week.

Of the eleven new postals saving banks to be opened in Pennsylvania during July, two will go to Chester county, at Phoenixville and Coatesville. One will be established in Montgomery county at Pottstown.

Dominic Vividillo, a Polish resident of Bridgeville, was killed Thursday evening, when he fell from the roof of a blast furnace, where he was working.

The borough tax rate in Lansdale is 6 mills.

Matthew E. Vaneman, of Reading, charged with killing his wife in a family quarrel, was convicted of murder in the first degree.

R. J. Brauner, an inspector of the State Department of Health, last week caused the arrest of sixteen Scranston physicians who failed to report births to the local register of vital statistics.

The Peerless Manufacturing Company, employing about 200 men and producing paper novelties, will establish its plant at Norristown.

Mrs. Ruth Haley, wife of Robert Haley, of Norristown, a trolley conductor, had a narrow escape from death last week by being poisoned by taking headache powders.

Mrs. E. L. Palmer, of near Marshallton, has a collection of old almanacs dating back to 1817.

Plans for repairing the tomb of General W. S. Hancock, at Norristown, have been completed, and it is estimated that the cost will be \$475.

The Pottstown town hall will give a number of free open-air concerts this summer.

MARRIAGES.

Anders-Jervis.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram M. Anders in Worcester as the grandfather's clock in the hall chimed the hour of four, their daughter Miss Nora Z. Anders and Mr. Joseph Jervis, of Norristown, were married. Rev. Levi S. Hoffmann, pastor of the Schwenkfelder church, officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of guests. Mr. and Mrs. Jervis for the present will reside at the bride's home.

Brownback-Van Kirk.

On Thursday evening Rev. H. W. Koekenderfer, pastor of the Linfield Reformed church, united in marriage Miss Charlotte Brownback, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Brownback, and Charles H. Van Kirk, son of Charles H. Van Kirk of Chicago. Miss Bonebrake, of Baltimore, was maid of honor, D. C. Coff, Jr., of New London, Conn., best man, and Miss Saylor, of St. Louis, one of the bridesmaids.

Gotwals-Smoeyer.

Miss Mary G. Gotwals, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos G. Gotwals, of Phoenixville, was married on Wednesday evening of last week to Lloyd L. Smoeyer, of New York City.

Meet for First Time; Were Then Married.

Becoming acquainted through corresponding, Mary D. Kline, of Ephrata, Pa., and Charles Brower, a glass manufacturer of Cape May Court House, N. J., met for the first time at the Reading Terminal in Philadelphia, Thursday afternoon and were married the same evening.

A Charming Woman.

is one who is lovely in face, form, mind and temper. But it is hard for a woman to be charming without health. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation and kidney troubles show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. But Electric Bitters always prove a godsend to women who want beauty and health. They regulate the stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood, give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth skin, lovely complexion and perfect health. Try them. 50c at Jos. W. Gilbert, druggist, Collegeville, and M. T. Hunsicker, Ironbridge.

TOBACCO, OF COURSE; BUT NOT FOR THE "BUMS."

Montgomery's Poor Directors and Controller John N. Jacobs are again involved in an imbroglio. It was stated last week that Controller Jacobs made the statement that he would refuse to approve all bills for supplying tobacco to inmates at the County Home. Following this the Poor Directors stated that they would furnish tobacco to the worthy poor at the almshouse despite the Controller's edict to the contrary.

On Saturday Mr. Jacobs came out with the statement that his instructions regarding the tobacco supply applied only to the "floaters" or bums who hang around the Home during the winter months and leave as soon as signs of work appear. He declares that he will maintain this position. However, as matters stand with the Controller's position made definite, those who were looking for a nice, lively little scrap are admitting that it looks like there "ain't gonna be no fight."

MONUMENT TO UNKNOWN BRAVE AT VALLEY FORGE.

With several thousand persons present the Valley Forge chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on Sunday afternoon presented to the people of the United States a huge granite boulder, 10 feet high and 6 feet thick, as a tribute to the bravery of the unknown soldiers who died and were buried on the famous camping ground, now one of the most visited of America's shrines of patriotism. Former Governor Pennypacker was the speaker. He called attention to the fact that from 100,000 to 200,000 people yearly visit the park and stated, among other interesting things, that an English baronet described Valley Forge as "the most famous camping ground in the world." The orator of the day was Rev. Dr. Charles H. Rorer, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Norristown. He said in part:

"Gathered as we are on the borders of two great countries—Montgomery and Chester—whose patriotism is well known, there is something in our surroundings to-day that inspires us to noble deeds. These hills, these graves, this valley, yonder river, these remnants of our fathers, bring back fresh the Valley Forge of our fathers. We are gathered on the anniversary of Bunker Hill. The patriotic cord between the two is very close—though one be in Massachusetts, while the other is in our own Keystone State. We are treading sacred ground to-day. We owe it to the memory of our patriots to tell the story of their sacrifices in the cause of liberty. Life was as dear to them as it is to us. Comforts of home were just as precious as they are now. We owe it to ourselves to hallow the graves where sleep the martyrs of freedom."

The act of unveiling was performed by the regent, Mrs. Joseph Foranace, assisted by Mrs. Fred J. Naile and Mrs. Wilfred Stauffer, of Norristown.

Big Cut in Dirt Roads Bills—\$51,500 FOR VALLEY FORGE.

Although many other appropriations were considerably reduced by Governor Tener, one of the biggest reductions was that of the township, or dirt roads bill from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000. The sum for the Pennsylvania-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco was reduced from \$100,000 to \$50,000. The governor decided that \$51,500 was enough for the work at Valley Forge park, though \$71,500 had been appropriated by the Legislature. Other appropriations receiving his approval were: "Sprout Hill," \$41,000; semi-centennial of the Battle of Gettysburg, \$50,000; Road improvements to counties and townships, \$17,000.

County's Property Valued at Two Millions.

The board of appraisers, composed of John J. Corson, William Willauer and James A. Hurst, appointed by the County Commissioners to set a value on the County property, which valuation the County Controller requested, have made their report. The county holds 156 shares of Norristown Water Company stock. Though this company recently issued dividends of 33 1/2 per cent, the stock is valued at only \$114 per share. A summary of the appraisement follows:

188 county bridges	\$1,079,480
Court House and ground	600,000
Prison and ground	150,000
Almshouse and farm of 298 acres	125,000
Farm of 72 acres in Marlborough seized for taxes	750
House of Detention	3,000
156 shares of water stock, at \$114 per share	17,784
Total value	\$1,976,014

Elected Teacher of Skippack Grammar School.

John L. Haines, principal of the Trappe public schools last term, has been chosen teacher of the Skippack Grammar school.

New Proprietor at Audubon Hotel.

Wilbur A. Pierson is the new proprietor of the Audubon hotel, at Audubon. The license was transferred from A. Murray Vandervelde to Mr. Pierson on Friday.

Wins Fight For Life.

It was a long and bloody battle for life that was waged by James B. Merson, of Newark, N. J., of which he writes: "I had lost much blood from lung hemorrhages, and was very weak and run-down. For eight months I was unable to work. Death seemed close on my heels, when I began, three weeks ago, to use Dr. King's New Discovery. But it has helped me greatly. It is doing all that you claim."

For weak, sore lungs, obstinate coughs, asthmatic coughs, hoarseness, grippe, influenza, hay-fever or any throat or lung trouble, its supreme. 50c & \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Jos. W. Gilbert, druggist, Collegeville, and M. T. Hunsicker, of Ironbridge.

Sixty Years Average Death Age.

Eighteen persons were buried in New Goshenhop Cemetery, near East Greenville, from June 5, 1910, to June 11, 1911. Their average age was 60 years, 4 months and 5 days.

DEATHS.

MRS. DAVIS' SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. Jacob Davis, of Evansburg, died very suddenly last Thursday evening while returning from Collegeville. Mrs. Davis, who was 65 years old, was accompanied by her son, Jesse Wanner. They were returning to Evansburg on foot and after crossing Perkiomen Bridge Mrs. Davis complained of weakness. When the Meschler premises were reached Mrs. Wanner suggested that Mrs. Davis rest under a tree by the roadside. Mrs. Davis continued to grow weaker and had difficulty in breathing. Mrs. Wanner then hastened to the home of Harry D. Cassel, who hitched up his team, and placing the lady in the carriage, started toward her home. Death came before it was reached. While Mrs. Wanner was holding her in the carriage. A heart disease was the cause of death. A husband survives. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon with services in the Methodist church, Evansburg, and interment in the Lower Providence Baptist cemetery. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Ada Lurene Smith, aged 14 years, a daughter of George and Ella Smith, of Skippack, died on Friday afternoon of heart disease and dropsy. The father has for two years been a sufferer from rheumatism and is at present in a serious condition. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning with services in the Lower Mennonite meetinghouse and interment in the adjoining cemetery. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel had charge.

William H. Ingham.

In his 39th year William H. Ingham, of Norristown formerly of Collegeville, died last week at the St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia, where he was operated upon for gall stones. The wife Catherine, who was a Miss Chappell, survives. Mr. and Mrs. Ingham for a time occupied the house now owned by Daniel Wait on Fifth avenue. Collegeville, and afterward moved to Seventh avenue before leaving for Norristown. The funeral was held on Saturday with interment at Riverside cemetery. Rev. N. F. Schmidt, of Schwenksville, officiated.

Elizabeth Remaly.

Elizabeth Remaly, aged 74 years, died on Monday at the Mennonite Home at Frederick. Deceased was a daughter of Isaac Detwiler. The funeral will be held on Friday at the Frederick Meetinghouse, with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Mrs. Samuel Yost.

Angelina, wife of Samuel Yost, of Phoenixville, died on Monday evening at the Phoenixville Hospital, of acute indigestion and heart disease, aged 62 years. Services will be held on Friday in St. Peter's Episcopal church at 2.30 p. m. Interment in Morris cemetery. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

John McIntyre.

Complaining to his wife that he was not feeling well John McIntyre, of Valley Forge, rode to Phoenixville on Friday, and seeking admission to the hospital was put to bed and twelve hours after his admittance to the local institution was pronounced dead. The deceased was a well-known employee at the Bean stone crusher, where he had worked for a number of years. He sustained a rupture some time ago while engaged in lifting a heavy stone and it is believed that something to do with his untimely death. The deceased was in his 56th year. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, interment being made in the Valley Forge Baptist cemetery.

Councilmen Will Consider Trolley Company's Request.

At the next meeting of Collegeville's Town Council, on Friday evening, July 7, consideration will be given the request of the Reading Traction Company to build a siding between their main line up First avenue to their power plant. This request was made after members of council intimated to the trolley officials that it would probably be favorably acted upon. The councilmen claim that in this way stone could be hauled along the borough's Main street more expeditiously than by teams.

Seniors at West Chester.

Reena D. Zern, of Trooper, was among the 121 graduates of West Chester Normal School. The following were advanced from Junior to the Senior standing: Gertrude M. Detwiler and Charles Harding, of Trappe; Elizabeth Weber, of Evansburg; Mary Vandervelde, of Audubon; Regina Longaker, of Oaks; Florence M. Allebach, of Schwenksville.

YERKES YOUNG MAN RECEIVED DOCTOR'S DEGREE.

J. Elmer Gotwals, a son of John G. Gotwals, of Yerkess, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania on Wednesday. Mr. Gotwals, who has many friends in this section, has been appointed chief resident physician at the Phoenixville Hospital.

Even the Ministers Succumb to Lure Rod and Reel.

Notwithstanding the murky condition of the Perkiomen creek, due to the recent downpours, the bass fishing season has had a fairly favorable opening in this region. Reports from the other end of the valley indicate that the bass have been biting quite lively there considering the condition of the water. Thursday, June 15, was opening day, but it was not until Saturday that any lines were thrown over.

The largest of the finny tribe thus far landed from the Perkiomen was captured by a Mr. Clement from Norristown, who was on his way to Perkiomenville, Saturday morning, and having some time to wait for a train, he with his companion threw in a line or two below Perkiomen Bridge. It was not long before he had a nice 3-12 pounder flopping on the shore. At Perkiomenville he landed a number of smaller ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward David, of Germantown, well known here as adepts with the rod and reel, pulled in 10 on Monday, though none of them were of unusual size. Roy Wanner also had his luck with him on Monday, for he landed 10 fair-sized ones. Rev. Malcolm Larose and Rev. Edward Larose, Philadelphia clergymen, who were educated in Collegeville and have many friends here, came to town on Monday for a few days fishing and have succeeded in luring away from their watery homes a nice string of bass. On Monday they caught eight and on Tuesday morning nine.

BOOMING NEW ENTERPRISE FOR COLLEGEVILLE.

Mr. Dill, representing the Greiner Chemical Fibre Company, which is about to establish their plant at Collegeville, was on hand at the Bridge Hotel, Tuesday evening, to tell our representative citizens just what his company proposes to do. He showed samples of the articles made from the artificial silk they will manufacture.

The turn-out, however, was disappointing. One-fourth, or \$3,000, of the necessary \$12,000 was subscribed and though unfortunately little interest has as yet been taken in the enterprise, the successful establishment of which would greatly enhance Collegeville's commercial interests, the project will doubtless soon be launched.

FREED HEATER COMPANY MAKING LARGE SHIPMENTS.

A carload of 27 boilers was shipped to Philadelphia on Tuesday by the Freed Heater Company located at Collegeville. This lot was one-half of an order to a Philadelphia concern and was the first full carload shipment the company has made. Altogether five carload lots will soon be shipped to various cities in Philadelphia. The Freed boilers are meeting with great favor as the ever increasing orders of the company indicate.

Twenty-seven men are now employed in the foundry and machine shop which originally began operations with 11 employees. A five-ton reaming machine, made especially for their shop, was unloaded on Tuesday and is being installed. It was necessary to knock out part of the wall of the shop to get the machine through the door.

MISS HOBSON'S TRIP ABROAD.

On Wednesday Miss Mabel Hobson, of Collegeville, instructed in German at the Pottstown High School, sailed from Baltimore on "The Cassel" of the North German Line, in company with fourteen other teachers. Miss Hobson expects to study in Berlin and Dresden, Germany. Before returning home the party will spend some time in travel. She will visit Cologne, take the trip down the Rhine, visit Frankfurt, thence to Switzerland and take in Lucerne, going up the Rigi, the famous mountain of Switzerland between the lakes of Zug and Lucerne, almost 9000 feet above the sea. In Holland the principal places to be visited are Amsterdam and the Hague. The party will sail for home on August 26 from Rotterdam, Holland, and arrive here early in September.

Miss Hobson has been instrumental in establishing at the Pottstown high school a novel plan to help in the study of the German language. About 35 of her pupils exchanged letters with pupils in high schools in Germany. The innovation has proved very successful.

TWO ACCIDENTS AT GRATERFORD.

From our Graterford Correspondent.

Master Abraham Dubin, about 10 years old, whose parents reside on the Nace farm, had two of the fingers of his left hand crushed in the machinery at M. Rehr's barn and the fingers had to be amputated. The Dubin boy was playing with a son of Mr. Rehr's, and while the latter was in the hay loft Dubin began playing with some machinery on the barn floor, with the result that two of his fingers were mangled in the cornsheller. Dr. Markley performed the surgical operation.

Warren Z. Cole, a well-known resident, met with a painful accident on Tuesday. While driving between Perkiomenville and New Hanover, near Anise, his horse took fright and became unmanageable. Mr. Cole jumped out to quiet the animal but was thrown out on the road and an arm and shoulder were fractured. Dr. Markley was summoned and rendered aid to the unfortunate man. Mr. Cole is able to be about to-day (Wednesday), but it will be some time before he fully recovers from the effects of the mishap.

COLLEGEVILLE LOCALS.

At the hour the INDEPENDENT goes to press, on Wednesday afternoon, there are unmistakable signs that a few innocent drops of oil ere nightfall may find a resting-place on Collegeville's Main street.

Why not a good old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration for Collegeville, this year, a celebration in which all of the citizens of the place could join?

Sixty-eight guests were entertained at the Perkiomen Bridge hotel, on Sunday, which indicates that the old hostility is as popular as ever. The visitors were from all parts of Pennsylvania.

Harry D. Cassel's "Hotel Robison" was visited by quite a number of city guests over Saturday and Sunday.

The report of the borough schools appears on page 4 and will be of interest to residents of Collegeville.

The summer session at Ursinus College opened on Tuesday.

Dr. Gummere, of Drexel Institute faculty, called on Dr. G. L. Omwake, Monday.

Rev. Malcolm Larose, of Olney, and Rev. Edward Larose, pastor of the Reformed church at Fourteenth and Wolf streets, Philadelphia, spent Monday and Tuesday at the New Alberta.

Prof. J. Horace Landis, County Superintendent of Schools, examined eight candidates for public school positions at the high school, Tuesday.

J. W. Mitterling sold a carload of good cows at Perkiomen Bridge hotel, Monday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Price, Monday.

A marriage license has been issued to Harry A. Sykes, of Ursinus school of music, and Miss Elizabeth K. Oberholzer, of Philadelphia.

M. W. Godshall left on Monday for Scranton. He will return to Collegeville in the fall to manage Dr. Cornish's flag factory.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fetterolf, on Monday evening.

Rev. Joseph Butler and family have moved into one of Dr. Bowers' houses on Main street.

M. W. Manner has awarded the contract for plumbing and hot water heating and Perry water system to Geo. P. Clum, respectively.

Mrs. Adelle Miller and Mrs. Ella Hobson left for Baltimore to bid adieu to Miss Mabel Hobson, who sailed from that port for Germany.

Miss Mary Klausfelder, who publicly made the long journey from Collegeville to San Francisco alone, has reached her destination. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Klausfelder, heard from her last week. She stopped off at Salt Lake City long enough to take a dip in the Great Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Shiffert, of Pottstown, and Mrs. Sioyer, family, of Reading, were the Sunday guests of S. S. Auger and family.

S. S. Auger returned home from Atlantic City the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward David and son, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob David.

Mrs. Rachel Landis, of Souderton, visited her brother, H. H. Robinson, Sunday.

Dr. R. D. Faringer, of Philadelphia, visited his mother, Mr. Faringer on Sunday.

Misses Royer and Fisher, of Tammany, were the visitors of Rev. Calvin Yost last week.

Harrison Bradford, of Reading, is spending some time visiting friends.

On Sunday Mr. Bolton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Landis and daughter, of Yerkess.

Prof. and Mrs. Hunsberger are spending three weeks visiting relatives in Maryland and Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Miller entertained at dinner on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Price, Mr. and Mrs. David Reiner and Mr. Wm. Custer.

Mrs. George Clamer spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barman spent Sunday visiting friends in Blue Bell.

Mrs. Baker, of Philadelphia, is spending several weeks with Mrs. Spohn.

Walter Turner, of Philadelphia, spent last week renewing old acquaintances about town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhnt spent Thursday in Reading attending a bakers' convention.

Miss Elizabeth Yerkes is spending several weeks visiting Mrs. Roscoe Hendrickson at Woodcliff-on-the-Hudson.

Mrs. Mabel Loose and daughter Lillian and Mr. Davis, of Norristown, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levegood.

Mrs. Ernest Kuhnt, of Tacony, spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Charles Kuhnt.

H. Wilson Detwiler and family, of Norristown, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hallman.

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Thursday, June 22, 1911.

THE Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company is receiving its share of just condemnation for refusing to provide refrigerator cars for carrying milk. Six hundred and ninety quarts of milk were confiscated in one day by the health authorities of Philadelphia. Autocratic and arbitrary as their action may seem, the inspectors were quite within their legal powers when they destroyed the milk. But what redress has the farmer in the event that the railroad was responsible for the milk being above the required temperature? Absolutely none. The farmer must be content to take what the railroad offers him in the way of transportation facilities and make the best of them. The farmer takes the responsibility. The railroad takes no responsibility and exacts a heavy toll. Right in this connection it is interesting to call to memory the fact that the recent legislature enacted a law, just last week sanctioned by Governor Tener, making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of five dollars or ten days imprisonment, for any one to cheat a passenger railroad company. The transportation companies are well protected against the dishonest individual. Why not defend the private citizen from the exactions of monopolies? The State of Pennsylvania has the right and is morally bound to interfere where a railroad, whose line constitutes the only outlet for food supplies from a certain region, charges exorbitant rates in exchange for poor service. A public service corporation should serve, not rob. And if it persists in thievery the State should revoke its charter and give an honest company the opportunity to supply the needs of the public. The task of freeing the Keystone State from the tallons of the corporations is rendered especially difficult by the tremendous complexity and intricacy of the situation. But we Pennsylvanians must resolve to elect to office only such men as will make honest and intelligent efforts at its accomplishment.

GOVERNOR TENER has signed the registration bill and we are now ready to believe the worst things that were said about him during his campaign. No amount of appropriation cutting can atone for this act, for he put his name to the bill after lengthy deliberation (chiefly with his conscience, it is assumed) and going through the farce of listening carefully to the many protests against it. Though the measure applies only to the large cities of the State, its passage is a blot upon the pages of our commonwealth's history. Annulment as it does the personal registration act of 1906, the law was framed with but one end in view: To prevent fair play at elections in Philadelphia. Under the former arrangement there were four registration commissioners, two of whom could be of the same party. Three constituted a majority. The new law changes the number of members from four to three, two of whom may have the same party allegiance and form a majority. The Keystone party, having had no presidential nominee, cannot be represented on boards of registrars. To-day the Democratic party in Philadelphia is little more than a memory in many wards. Thus the elimination of Keystone men gives free reign to registration outrages. It is gratifying to learn that the Keystone party, stirred to an intense indignation by the Governor's signing the registration bill, will hold a State convention to clarify its position and make preparations to continue the fight for honest government.

It is unfortunate that Governor Tener, in a laudable desire to eliminate all unnecessary expenses, vetoed the bill to increase the pay of legislators. When election expenses and other drains upon the finances are taken into account the present salary appears quite insufficient to attract the high grade men that every citizen desires in his representative. There is no economy in employing Class C men for Class A positions.

TOWN AND COUNTRY OF PENNSYLVANIA, a Democratic organ, had this to say about Controller Jacobs in last week's issue: "Since Controller Jacobs is busily engaged in stopping all leaks of our county treasury, it has been suggested by upper-end taxpayers that perhaps some money could be saved if the Doctor himself would purchase the cows needed at the County Home. Perhaps he would not pay such fabulous prices as others have paid. This is only a suggestion, however."

MR. RICHMOND HOBSON has been blamed because he took off his coat while addressing an audience. But it will not be forgotten that the country was highly appreciative of this same Hobson when he took off his coat in the neighborhood of Santiago.—Washington Star.

Now that the sane Fourth is well established, some one should start a sane millinery movement.—Cleveland Leader.

EVEN United States Senators are beginning to come the people's way.—Baltimore Sun.

WASHINGTON LETTER.
From our regular correspondent.

Washington, D. C., June 19, 1911.
There is a widespread idea that Washington is a depopulated city during the summer. Its normal population is over three hundred thousand, and it is probable that the summer population of 1911, owing to the fact that Congress is in session, is not less than this number. Washington has become a great center for conventions, whether religious, industrial, social or what not. They come here in great numbers and there is of course no city on this side of the globe where visitors can see as much or enjoy themselves as well as at the capital. The railroads bring large numbers of excursionists in the summer—people who are on their way to the seashore and who are glad to avail themselves of an opportunity to see the national capital at a minimum expense. Ambassador Bryce of England said in a recent address that Washington enjoys the distinction of being the most beautiful city in the world through its multitude of public buildings, its wide shaded streets and in its symmetry of plan. "The most beautiful capital of its kind the world has ever seen," is I believe, the exact language used by the ambassador. The words "of its kind" are of course limiting. The ambassador is a cosmopolitan as well as a diplomat, and he no doubt weighs his words and is careful in his statements. There are of course many other cities, not only in Europe and Asia, but also in America that go far beyond Washington in population and some of them far excel Washington in wealth and in architectural effects, but with Ambassador Bryce's limitation, "the most beautiful capital of its kind," his statement will perhaps defy criticism. The cities of the world with regard to population and in the order of their bigness are London, New York, Paris, Tokyo, Chicago, Vienna, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Philadelphia, and Moscow. It will be seen that three of the largest as well as the next to the largest are in the United States, and it is predicted that within thirty years New York will be the largest city in the world. It is, however, bumptious to boast of big cities, and the excess of city population is believed by many to be symptomatic of national disease or degeneracy. The most thrifty and best-governed nations in the world are those which have a larger rural than urban population.

There is but little of interest going on in the legislative and executive departments of the government. The Democratic majority in the House of Representatives is held well in hand by Mr. Underwood, through whom caucus rule is supreme. It is thought that the Senate will sooner or later pass the Canadian reciprocity bill in the same shape that it came from the House. It is earnestly opposed by some Senators who are endeavoring to make records for themselves with their constituents with a view to prolonged senatorial tenure, but it is believed that a very decided majority of the people of the United States are in favor of the measure and that it will finally become a law.

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DOWN AND OUT WITH THE HOUSE FLY.
The pestiferous house fly, which is now known to be responsible for the existence of a large number of infectious diseases, is the subject of a bulletin which has just been issued by Commissioner Dixon, of the State Department of Health.

By far the larger part of the flies are bred in warm or moist horse manure, according to the bulletin, though many of their eggs are deposited in decayed vegetables, animal fecal matter and in other decaying substances. The bulletin says: Horse manure bears nearly the same relation to the house fly that stagnant water does to the mosquito. If the fly were prevented from ovipositing in manure and similar substances this pest would be to a great extent a thing of the past. No filth or decaying matter of any kind should be allowed to accumulate. Stables should have hard and smooth floors and be kept clean so that there is no place for manure to accumulate. All garbage, kitchen slops and waste should be carefully and tightly covered until removed and destroyed. Fresh unslaked lime or kerosene should be sprinkled over garbage and the containers should be cleared every day. The ground immediately around the containers may be treated in the same way.

The greatest pains should always be exercised to prevent the flies settling on the food. All houses should be screened before fly time. All food, especially milk, the baby's bed, the baby's bottle and every person ill with typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria or tuberculosis should be screened. Houses near the railroads should be well screened, as flies contaminated with excreta from passing trains may gain access to food in the kitchen and dining room.

The following directions for killing flies that have obtained access to a house are given in the bulletin. Pyrethrum powder heated in a pan or on hot coals, so that it smolders but does not burn, gives off a dense white smoke that will stupefy flies, but is otherwise harmless; one ounce to every cubic foot of air space should be used and the flies promptly swept up and destroyed. A solution made by adding two teaspoonfuls of formaldehyde to a pint of water sweetened with sugar and placed in saucers through which the house will destroy many flies.

The Burgess and Chief of Police of Pottstown have issued an order requiring all boys and girls under the age of 18 years to be off the streets by 11 o'clock at night.

CHURCH SERVICES.

NOTE.—Announcements to appear under this heading must reach the INDEPENDENT office not later than Tuesday morning.
Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, services at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Holy Communion at 10 a. m. At Audubon St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., pastor, Sunday School at 8 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Meeting of the Junior League at 2 p. m. Meeting of the Holiness League at 7 p. m. Bible Study and Teacher Training meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday evening.
St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Morning service and sermon 10:30. Sunday School, 9:15 a. m. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.
Evansburg M. E. Church.—Sunday School at 9:15 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
U. R. Church, Trappe. Rev. F. B. Youm, pastor. Sunday School, 9:00 a. m. Preaching, 10:00 a. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.
St. Paul's Memorial Parish (Episcopal), Oaks, the Rev. Geo. W. Barnes, rector. Sunday services at 8 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday School 2:15 p. m. At Audubon "Chapel-of-Ease," Old Union Church, 10:45 a. m. M. Henry welcome. The Rector asks to be advised where visitations or ministrations are desired. Address Oaks P. O., or phone Bell 59-37, Phoenixville.
Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Graterford, Rev. R. Borgstesser, pastor. Sunday School at 9:15 a. m. Preaching at 10:15 a. m. River Brethren, Graterford. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.
Graterford Chapel. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

County's Balance Grow \$34,522 in a Month.
County Controller Jacobs has made the following statement of the finances of the county for May, the first month of the existence of his office: Balance in treasury, May 1—\$31,765.20; receipts for May—\$56,834.56; total of all funds—\$88,599.76; disbursements for May—\$54,117.97; balance—\$34,522.19.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.
COUNTY TAXES.
In pursuance to an Act of Assembly approved March 17, 1863, supplementary acts thereto, the Treasurer of Montgomery County will meet the Taxpayers of said county at the following named places and times for the purpose of receiving the County, State and Dog Taxes for the year 1911, assessed in their respective districts, viz:
Moreland Township, Lower district, at the public house of Pauline C. Shuck, Tuesday, July 11, from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m.
Hathor Township, at the public house of Cyrus C. Moore, Hathor, Wednesday, July 12, from 8:30 to 12 m.
Moreland Township, Upper district, at the public house of Charles F. Ehrenpfort, at Willow Grove, Wednesday, July 13, from 1:30 to 3 p. m.
Skipack Township, at the public house of Charles Lowmes, Skipack, Thursday, July 13, from 9 to 11 a. m.
Towamensing Township, at the public house of S. C. Ross, Kulpsville, Thursday, July 13, from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m.
Lower Salford Township, West district, at the public house of John H. Dadd, Lederachville, Friday, July 14, from 8:30 to 11 a. m.
Lower Salford Township, East district, at the public house of Charles Tyson, Harleysville, Friday, July 14, from 11:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.
Franconia Township, West district, at the public house of Harry B. Keller, Franconia Square, Monday, July 17, from 7 a. m. to 12 m.
Franconia Township, East district, at the public house of Barney Rubin, Reliance, Monday, July 17, from 1:30 to 3 p. m.
Salford Township, at the public house of Daniel Kolber, Tylersport, Tuesday, July 18, from 9 to 11 a. m.
West Telford Borough, at the public house of John M. Kuhn, Tuesday, July 18, from 1 to 3 p. m.
Souderton Borough, at the public house of William H. Freed, Wednesday, July 19, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.
Hatfield Township and Hatfield Borough, at the public house of Chester Knipe, Hatfield, Thursday, July 20, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.
Lansdale Borough, East ward, at the public house of Julius E. Rausch, Thursday, July 20, from 1 to 3:30 p. m.
Lansdale Borough, South ward, at the public house of Wm. H. Black, Friday, July 21, from 8 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.
Lansdale Borough, West ward, at the public house of Robert C. Lowmes, Monday, July 24, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Upper Providence, polling place, Mont Clare, Tuesday, July 25, from 8 to 10 a. m.
Upper Providence, Oaks district, at the polling place, Oaks, Tuesday, July 25, from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.
Pottstown Borough, West ward, at the public house of John H. Twaddell, Wednesday, July 26, from 10:30 to 4 p. m.
Lower Pottsgrove Township, at the public house of Richard Schultz, Pleasant View hotel, Thursday, July 27, from 8 to 10 a. m.
Pottstown Borough, Second and Third wards, at the public house of Abram O. Myers, Friday, July 28, from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m.
Pottstown Borough, Sixth and Seventh wards, at the public house of Maurice Gilbert, Monday, July 31, from 10:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.
Upper Pottsgrove Township, at the public house of Samuel Geiger, Half Way House hotel, Tuesday, August 1, from 8 to 9 a. m.
Pottstown Borough, Ninth ward, at the public house of Wm. C. Stedman, York street hotel, Tuesday, August 1, from 10:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.
Pottstown Borough, Fourth and Fifth wards, at the public house of Chas. A. Pennypacker, Wednesday, August 2, from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m.
Pottstown Borough, Eighth and Tenth wards, at the public house of W. W. Brendlinger, Thursday, August 3, from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m.
New Hanover Township, West district, at the public house of Harvey G. Shamer, Swamp Monday, August 7, from 9 to 11 a. m.
Douglas Township, East district, at the public house of Peter E. Stengel, Monday, August 7, from 12:30 to 3:30 p. m.
Douglas Township, West district, at the public house of Ida Kinkor, Congo, Tuesday, August 8, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.
New Hanover Township, East district, at the public house of Edward G. Leamy, Pleasant Run, Tuesday, August 8, from 1:30 to 3 p. m.
Frederick Township, West district, at the public house of Geo. E. Willauer, Green Tree hotel, Wednesday, August 9, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.
Green Lane Borough, at the public house of Lewis F. Beard, Monday, August 14, from 2:30 a. m. to 12 m.
Red Hill Borough, at the public house of C. U. Bergey, Monday, August 14, from 1 to 3 p. m.
East Greenville Borough and Upper Hanover Township, Third district, at the public house of Samuel H. Koehl, East Greenville, Tuesday, August 15, from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Upper Hanover Township, Second district, at the public house of Thomas Harting, Wednesday, August 16, from 7 to 10 a. m.
Pennsburg Borough and Upper Hanover, First district, at the public house of Charles Knipe, Wednesday, August 16, from 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Marlborough Township, at the public house of Geo. W. D. Apple, Sunnyside, Thursday, August 17, from 9 a. m. to 12 p. m.
Upper Salford Township, at the public house of Wm. C. Stedman, Wednesday, Thursday, August 17, from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m.
Taxes will be received at the County Treasurer's Office, Norristown, from June 1 to September 15, from 8:30 a. m. to 12 m., and from 1 to 3 p. m.
State rate 4 mills, County rate 3 mills.
Correspondence to receive attention must be accompanied with postage for reply and in all cases location of property and number of properties, whether in Township or borough, must be definitely given.
Inquiries relative to taxes received after September 10 will not be answered. Statements will be issued from the office only. Unless above instructions are complied with no attention will be given.
Taxes not paid to the County Treasurer on or before September 15, 1911, at 4 o'clock p. m. will be given into the hands of a collector, when 5 per cent. will be added for collection as per Act of Assembly.
WM. M. HAGGINTHOM,
Treasurer of Montgomery County, Pa.
County Treasurer's Office, Norristown, Pa., April 1911.

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WHICH ROAD?

A Case Where the Wrong One Brought Great Happiness

By CLARISSA MACKIE
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It was a hard, level road with many a sinuous curve that kept the steeple tooting hoarsely as the dusk obliterated the stiff sentinel woods on either hand and gave Justin Delos little opportunity to test the speed of his new racing car.

"Hill, mister, hill!" shrieked a young voice above the rush of his machine. With a few rapid movements he stopped dead short and tried to pierce the twilight with his hand filled eyes.

"Well, what's up?" he demanded curtly.

"It's me," said the small voice, with a hint of a sob in it. "I'm up in this tree—right over your head."

"My gracious, what are you doing up there?" Justin stared upward to where the limb of a wild cherry tree bent over the road. The air was filled with the pungent smell of wild cherry blossoms and the hoarse bark of the tree.

There was the glimmer of a small white face and a white blouse balanced perilously on the limb.

"Now, you just slip off that limb and drop—that's the boy! Caught you, didn't I?" said Mr. Delos.

Justin tucked the boy in a corner of the seat and prepared to resume his ride, but the boy placed a cold little hand on his and raised his voice in protest.

"Please don't, mister! I'm afraid to go up that road!" he pleaded husily.

"What are you afraid of? How do you expect to go home if you don't take that road?"

"I'm lost!" wailed the strayed one.

"Where do you live?" demanded Justin.

"Cross High-way!"

"Well, you're all right then—this is the Cross Highway," reassured Justin.

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LIMERICK.

Mrs. Brook Barlow, Miss A. M. Blakely and E. Charlotte Fry spent Thursday at Mount Airy at the Lutheran Orphanage. They report a large attendance and a very delightful programme.

Services next Sunday at the St. James' Lutheran church at 10 a. m. Children's Day exercises next Sunday evening in the Evangelical Association church.

Wm. Blakely and daughter Emma returned to the city after spending a week with Miss Anna M. Blakely.

Frank Peterman has greatly improved the appearance of his property by erecting a new fence.

Mrs. R. Sheffey has taken her daughter to Philadelphia to have adenoids removed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nasteing, of Lemoyne, and R. T. Kline and daughter, of Philadelphia, are visiting T. D. Kline and family.

W. I. Kline is attending commencement at Kutztown this week.

Mrs. Reuben Scheffey and daughter are spending some time in Philadelphia.

Brookings in Reunion Honor First Mother in America.

Gathered in a reunion which was particularly dedicated and set aside for the honor of their first mother in America, the descendants of Gerhard Brownback and Mary Papan Brownback to the number of one thousand assembled on Saturday in Bonnie Brae Park and this "Mother's Day" of the Brownbacks proved the most successful of all the big gatherings that this clan has held. Men, women and children who trace their ancestry back to Gerhard and Mary Brownback assembled in the park from half a dozen counties of the State.

More Than 850 Received Degrees at University of Pennsylvania.

The University of Pennsylvania at its commencement exercises yesterday conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy upon William D. Remington, of Zieglerville. Mr. Remington earned his degree by special work in Transportation and Commerce, Economics and European History. Twenty-nine persons received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Altogether 86 students took degrees from the Graduate School of the University, the remainder receiving the degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Science. Twelve of these persons were women. Six Chinese students and one Japanese student received their masters' degrees. The total number of graduates from the University in all departments this year was more than 850.

Two Days of Racing at Pottstown.

Rain interfered to a certain extent with the races at Pottstown on Thursday. The track was in good shape but the start was delayed so that only two races were run off at that time. The 2.16 was won by Andy J., a Reading horse. Avoca Point, owned by D. B. Trexler, of Phoenixville and driven by Charles Whitty, got fourth place. The best time of the day was made in the first race, 2:16 1-4, and in the last race, 2:13 3-4 was made in the free for all by Ashland. Radcliffe's Pokey Prince won second place in the 2:25 mile.

East Greenvillians Must Celebrate Independence Day on the Fourth.

The Town Council of East Greenville have taboored all noises in the celebrating of the Fourth of July, except on that day itself. An ordinance was passed last October prohibiting "the sale and explosion of any kind of fire crackers or fireworks within the limits of the borough except on the fourth day of July from 6 a. m. until 12 o'clock midnight" and imposing a fine of \$10 for each offense. They have given notice that the ordinance will be strictly enforced.

Local Crop Outlook.

The hay crop, which is already being harvested, is one of our farmers, will not be very heavy this year, the dry weather in May being responsible. Plenty of hot weather is needed to give the corn a good start. The wheat is maturing rapidly and a good crop is looked for, though the outlook for oats is not so encouraging. The fall harvest will be visited some sections on Tuesday did little damage.

Will Complete Organization of New Grange.

James R. Weikel and other members of Keystone Grange, Trappe, will journey to West Chester on Friday evening, to fully complete the organization of Harmon Grange No. 91, which, as stated last week, met for the first time with 39 charter members, on Tuesday evening, June 13.

Valley Forge Hotel Changes Hands.

On petition, the Chester County Court has granted the license of the retail liquor license at the Mansion House Hotel, at Valley Forge, from John L. Hoy, who has been proprietor since 1910, to Thomas C. Stewart and Frederick Wolf, trading as Stewart & Wolf, who have lately taken possession of the hotel.

Coachman Was Thrown From Seat and Killed.

George Keys, coachman for Samuel Thompson, of Spruce street, Philadelphia, a trustee of the Norristown Insane Hospital, was killed in an accident at Norristown, Thursday evening. On his way with a team of horses to the Thompson summer home in the Pocono mountains, the animals became unruly and the coachman was thrown out on the street, sustaining a fractured skull. He died the following morning.

Candidate for Poor Director.

Jacob M. Elst, of Douglass township, near Gilbertsville, has announced his candidacy for Poor Director on the Republican ticket. Mr. Elst is a well-known farmer and will no doubt prove a formidable candidate.

Another Robbery in Worcester.

Thieves have been busy in Worcester township for the past two months. The last robbery occurred at the home of Hiram Andrews. 65 chickens were stolen early Tuesday morning.

Governor Approves Hospital Appropriation.

The hospital of Montgomery county did not fall among the institutions whose appropriations have been curtailed by Governor Tener. Charities Hospital, Norristown, gets an appropriation of \$25,000 as before, and the Pottstown Hospital \$20,000, an increase of \$5,000 over that appropriated two years ago.

A Dreadful Wound.

from a knife, gun, tin can, rusty nail, fire-works, or any of the numerous prompt treatment with Bucklen's Arnica Salve to prevent blood poisoning or gangrene. Is the quickest, surest healer for such wounds as are for Burns, Boils, Sores, Skin Eruptions, Itching, Chapped Hands, Corns, etc. at 25c. at J. W. Hunsicker, Graterford.

GRATERFORD.

Mrs. Dr. J. P. Markley, of Bladensburg, Pa., is spending a vacation with Dr. J. M. Markley.

Miss Anna Pelen, Mrs. Wm. Nungesser and daughter Della and Marion Ward, of Norristown, spent Monday with Mrs. Aaron Schwenk.

Mrs. Herbert Heist and children, of Emmaus, are spending a vacation with their father and friends in this vicinity.

Ralph Wismer, of Trappe and Miss Sue E. Fry, of Trappe and Mrs. Marion Peterman, of Royersford, spent Sunday at Pleasant View farm.

Samuel R. Koons sold his furniture and household good at public sale and Mr. Norman G. Koons will take up housekeeping with him.

Wood Side had a number of summer boarders over Sunday.

C. A. Wismer has one of the finest fields of Timothy around.

Chas. K. Wismer was in Lancaster and Lebanon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kline attended the funeral of J. Reiter at Hopewille on Saturday.

F. L. Wismer, a Gospel worker in the M. B. C. church residing in Virginia, is spending several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Rev. A. K. Wismer.

Mrs. Rev. R. Bergstresser is spending a week in Quakertown.

Mr. Markley has a fine new automobile. The Dr. becoming an expert automobilist.

Joseph Nye's arm is healing nicely.

M. E. in C. prayermeeting on Thursday evening, June 20 at the home of C. D. Bean near Graterford. Jonas P. Fisher shipped a carload of fat cattle to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

There will be services at the Montgomery County Home on Sunday at 2 p. m. in charge of A. A. Wismer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geibel spent Sunday with Miss Flora Hess near Trappe.

Garret Cole has painted his barn.

EVANSBURG.

The county commissioners are having a concrete coping placed on Skippack bridge on Germantown Pike. Contractor James M. Smith of Perkiomenville is doing the work. Charles Teal, of Philadelphia, visited Jack Thomas Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Eva Ellis, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Strauss and daughter Ida, of Fairview Village, spent Sunday with Wm. Wanner.

J. S. Weber, Esq., of Norristown, spent Saturday and Sunday with Dr. M. Y. Weber.

Miss Belle Custer, of Perkiomenville, is spending several weeks with Misses Custer.

Miss Mary Force is spending Wednesday in Chester county.

IRONBRIDGE.

Miss Ada Gottschalk is visiting in Philadelphia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ludwig, a daughter.

Mrs. Minerva Noble, Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Fred. Beltz, of Schwenksville, were the guests of Mrs. W. G. Hunsicker on Saturday.

Quite a number of our "town folks" attended the organ recital at Lutheran church, Trappe, Saturday night.

John K. Kahn, of Phoenixville, is spending his vacation with Mahlon Wanner's.

Isaac G. Tyson spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Miss Susie Custer visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Custer, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunsicker visited Mr. and Mrs. Edna C. Pole, of Germantown, Sunday.

Miss Florence Lowmes, who has been sick for the past month or more, has returned.

Stanley Hunsicker, wife and son, are visiting H. T. Hunsicker's.

VERKES.

Mrs. Clinton Crist is suffering with blood poisoning in one of her hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Colthorpe spent Saturday and Sunday in Phoenixville.

Master J. Arlington Detwiler is spending a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Beyer, at Roxborough.

Mr. James G. Detwiler and wife are visiting relatives in York county.

Mr. John G. Detwiler had the misfortune to have one of his fingers mashed, on Monday morning, by some one accidentally placing a milk can on it.

Mrs. and Mrs. Gotwald entertained visitors from Spring City on Sunday.

Mr. Abraham Hunsicker has been on the sick list for a few days last evening, July 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Landes and son spent Sunday at Mont Clare and Phoenixville.

Calithumpians were out in full force, Tuesday evening.

EAGLEVILLE.

The Lower Providence Baptist Mite Society will hold a lawn festival on the church lawn Saturday evening, July 8.

Miss Lillian Sheppard visited Miss Belle Morgan on Sunday.

Rev. Theo. Heysham occupied the pulpit of the Lower Providence Baptist church on Sunday.

Miss Florence Place spent the week's end visiting friends in Camden.

Mrs. E. Radcliffe is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelmire, at South Hampton.

SCHWENKSVILLE.

Misses Mary and Ida Miller, of Limerick visited Preston T. Miller.

The Limerick baseball team defeated our High School team on Saturday by a score of 22 to 1. Our boys will have to do better next time.

Miss Florence Allebach, a student at West Chester Normal School will return home this week for the summer.

Fred Sturm, of Philadelphia, formerly of this place, who was seriously ill was able to be up for fifteen minutes last Friday. After he has fully recovered he will spend some time in Schwenksville.

Misses Eva and Jennie Peterman, of Limerick, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

The Pathfinders' festival last Saturday was a financial success in spite of the inclement weather. The Liberty band furnished excellent music.

The condition of Mrs. A. Z. Wampole, who is suffering with a gangrenous foot, is about the same.

Mrs. Robert Nace, of Chester, is visiting the family of H. L. Porro.

The dance in Bean's hall last Friday night was well attended.

Sallie Mae Ziegler spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Robert P. Whitman has been appointed principal of the Ironbridge school.

OAKS.

Mrs. Mary Shunk and son Charles, who is home on leave of absence from the U. S. Navy for thirty days, returned from a visit to friends in Norristown and Philadelphia on Thursday.

Mrs. George W. Brown, Jr., was a visitor to Philadelphia, Wednesday.

John Shull attended the free lecture given by the Penna. R. R. in Philadelphia, Monday evening, on the proper way of handling explosives.

As the truckmen use explosives in their business, and as Mr. Shull is something of a weather prophet, the conditions might be so that an earthquake might be mixed up in his probabilities.

Seventeen-year locusts are over-running New Jersey with W. on their wings, foretelling the nomination and election of Wilson for President.

Jacob Curry, of Valley Forge, attended the reunion of the Wehrer Blues, Company 1, 12th Regiment, Pa., Volunteers, the nine-months contingent, Saturday.

The daughters of the American Revolution dedicated the boulder erected by them to the unknown dead in Valley Forge Park, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Henry S. Smith, of Pleasanton, near Kansas City, Kansas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Weikel.

Ed. Johnson has turned auctioneer and was auctioneer at Harry Campbell's sale on Saturday.

We hear Mr. Johnson will move into the house Harry Campbell has vacated at Perkiomen, Oaks.

John B. Nichols, of Philadelphia, called on us Thursday.

A. J. Brover has his lamp lit in front of his new house in Perkiomen, Oaks, which is a big improvement to the place. Nothing like having a light at your feet to guide you on your pathway.

Mr. John Davis is at home for the season. He is in charge of the schools at Womelsdorf.

The Civic League will hold a grand neighborhood rally in the firemen's hall this Saturday. An entertainment of ten cent admission and refreshments extra charge. This is to be a grand jubilee. Come one, come all, to the firemen's hall and see for yourself what is to see, hear what's to hear.

Mrs. Emily Auld, sister to Miss Jenny Carter died Friday evening. Mrs. Auld had been afflicted for a long time.

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